

DONATIONS for SOLDIERS & FAMILY MEMBERS

1. Donations can be accepted into the local Installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund (IMWRF), which provides morale and welfare support to soldiers and family members. Monetary or in-kind donations may be accepted when the donation is voluntarily offered by private individuals or groups, if a determination is made that acceptance is in the Army's best interest. In making this determination, the responsible official considers:

- a. Whether the IMWRF needs the proposed gift.
- b. The cost to the IMWRF.
- c. Whether conditions imposed by the donor, if any, can be met.

2. Gifts are not solicited. Army personnel may, however, identify needs in response to inquiries from prospective donors.

3. Donors are not granted any special privileges or concessions in return for gifts voluntarily offered.

- a. A posted disclaimer will state that the Army does not officially endorse the product donated or the organization furnishing it.

- b. The donor is not given exclusive rights to furnish products.

4. In-kind items can be accepted by the IMWRF and/or distributed to the FRGs for Family Members.

5. Monetary gifts (except for Army Emergency Relief funds) would be deposited into the IMWRF's local bank account, thereby becoming a part of the 'Single Fund'. Use of the dollars donated would then have to comply with legal, regulatory use of Nonappropriated Funds. Funds could and would be used for the collective benefit of all soldiers and families. Funds could not be distributed to individual soldiers.

6. Suggested avenues for donations to be used are as follows:

a. Homecoming Events – Parades, Picnics, Bands, Children’s Activities will be planned and held as the 3d ID soldiers come home. These types of events are very costly.

b. Army Emergency Relief (AER)– is a private nonprofit organization – the Army’s own emergency financial assistance organization where active duty or retired soldiers can receive emergency loans for food, rent, utilities, vehicle repair, etc.

c. Food Voucher Program – local installation gives food vouchers to soldiers & family members on emergency basis to buy food at the commissary.

MONETARY DONATION PROCESS

FOR FOOD VOUCHERS or HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES:

1. Checks or money orders must be made out to the ‘IMWRF’ and mailed to Financial Management Division, PO Box 3597, Fort Stewart, GA 31314. Check should be annotated as to which program the funds should go toward, i.e., Food Voucher or Homecoming.
2. Checks will be deposited by FMD personnel and coded to the correct account. FMD personnel will copy the check and send to ACS, ATTN: Donations for ACS personnel to log and write thank you letter.

FOR AER DONATIONS:

1. Checks or money orders must be made out to “AER” and mailed to Financial Management Division, PO Box 3597, Fort Stewart, GA 31314.
2. Checks will be forwarded to ACS, AER Program, which will forward the checks to the national AER chapter to be deposited. ACS personnel will log and write thank you letter.